# Activity: There’s Been an Accident

Directions:

Participate in a group role play for one of the scenarios below to demonstrate what to do immediately after being involved in or witnessing an auto accident. Ask family members of friends to help with this activity.

Scenario A:

You just received your driver’s license this week, and now you can drive one of the family cars to school rather than ride the bus. Only a week after getting your license, you walk out to the school parking lot after a football game to see two classmates looking at the back bumper of your car.

As you get closer, you see what they are looking at. It turns out that the classmate backed into your car, causing damage to the bumper and license plate. His car also has damage, and he looks concerned. As you recall, he was involved in a car accident a few months ago.

Scenario B:

You and a friend are cruising along on the highway, on your way home from visiting a friend in a neighboring town. Luckily your friend has reflexes like a cat when the brake lights flash on the car in front of you. As the other car comes to a complete stop to avoid a dog in the road, your friend slams on the brakes and is able to skid to an abrupt stop just in time to avoid hitting the stopped vehicle. You can hear the car behind you screeching to a stop and wait for the impact, but it appears that the driver was also able to stop in time to avoid a collision.

Just as you let out your breath, you hear more tires squealing on the pavement and then a crash. The impact from the fourth car causes a chain reaction that pushes the car behind you into your vehicle which in turn is forced into the first car. The drivers from the two back cars immediately jump out of their cars and start yelling at your friend and the first driver for stopping so abruptly.

Scenario C:

Oh my, you are cutting it close to get to work on time. You should have left earlier than usual to allow the extra time needed to navigate on roads during a snowstorm. Unfortunately, you have miscalculated how slippery the roads are due to the snow, and you are unable to stop at the intersection even with the brake pedal slammed all the way to the floor.

You skid through the intersection into the path of another car. Good thing the driver approaching from the left is driving well below the speed limit when she T-bones your car. The last thing you remember before hearing the crunch of metal and feeling the impact is the look of alarm on the faces of people waiting at a nearby bus stop.